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The other day I received a letter from my mother who still lives in the Los Angeles area. With the letter, she included a cartoon torn from a newspaper. I'm not sure how I was supposed to take it. After all, she knows my sensibilities. This missive was my reaction, written to her, but thus far not sent.

The cartoon's pictographic scene was of the aftermath of gross violence. A woman's body is seen lying, shot full of holes and hacked to pieces. Standing over the body is a man holding a knife and a gun. Behind him is a pair of cops. One of them is speaking the caption which said something like this, "Oh let's not arrest him, let's try to understand what made him do this." This is only the best I'm able to remember it because my instant reaction was to toss it in the stove.

Dear Mom,

The cartoon you sent was not funny. I found it disgusting and if you liked it, you either should get out of L.A. or watch and listen to less Rush Limbaugh type hate mongering. I put the damn thing directly into the fire. Sure it was about the irony of where we've gotten to. But the greater irony is *how* we got there.

Nationally, crime has continued to decline. Last year, according to the FBI, the serious crimes reported to police dropped 3%. Violent crimes were down 1% with homicide up 3%. The incidence of violent crime, 9.4 per 100,000 in the overall population, is about level since 1973. As the inner-city has grown more dangerous, elsewhere it has grown safer. The increased crime we have in our overcrowded areas is the direct result of economics that have been driven by, and at the same time drive, class powered *sub-rosa* social engineering.

One third of prisoners serving mandatory drug sentences had no previous record. One sixth of our prison population is incarcerated for victimless crimes against the prohibition of a personal freedom to chemically escape our national bum trip. Our total inmate count will double in eight years to 2.4 million. At the present rate of increase, by 2050 half of Americans will be in prison and most of the rest will be guards. Canada is beginning to refuse extradition of drug offenders to the U.S., citing basic human rights violations in our sentencing practices. If there were any justice in this land we would identify and go after our social engineers.

People are so historically and geo-politically ignorant, and are so brainwashed that anyone who has taken the time to seriously study these issues and show themselves to be informed is to be immediately dismissed as "a conspiracy theorist."

Case in point; as organized labor has been corrupted or smashed, our higher and higher unemployment levels have served the interests of a richer and richer, smaller and smaller owning class. As CEOs thrive as never before imagined possible, two full-time incomes are now required to support and care for the American family. Whether it's conspiracy or coincidence, it has been the ones who have the economic power and the greedy motive who have done this, and it has been only they who continue to profit by it. Is this a coincidence, just the dumb luck of the owning class?

The owning class controls the major media which is perhaps the most effective social engineering tool. I get so disgusted with the constant barrage of TV shows that focus on the hopeless masses in the city streets, when I've seen only one network show ever that showed Central Intelligence Agency drug smuggling. That one, it seems, aired only because of sour grapes between the equally corruption riven Drug Enforcement Agency and the CIA. I refer to the *60 Minutes* segment about the ton of cocaine that was exposed as a CIA protected shipment through Venezuela. It is to be believed that this case was an aberration (of course, the honorable members of this agency that made "plausible denial" a household term, wouldn't use position, power and secrecy to reap the profits of this deadly harvest at the expense of those whom they consider inferior or expendable races or classes).

Though this type of crime has, only once, broached on the network TV screen, extensively researched books — sometimes written at great risk by those who could no longer stomach the injustices or take being duped by the hypocritical hierarchies of our powerful bureaucracies — are available to those wanting to learn the truth.

Read: *Deep Cover*, by Michael Lavine; *The Politics of Heroin*, by Alfred McCoy; *The Great Heroin Coup*, by Henrik Kruger; *The Crimes of Patriots*, by Jonathan Kwitney; *Out of Control*, by Leslie Cockburn; *Inside the Shadow Government*, by The Cristic Institute; *Drugs, Law Enforcement & Foreign Policy*, a report by the Subcommittee on Terrorism, Narcotics and International Operations of the U.S. Senate Committee on Foreign Relations — and the list could go on.

This 1988 Senate report identified the military and police in Haiti as drug smugglers for the Medellin cartel. Since then the Cali cartel has been moved in by the machinations of crooked spooks. They are now in the driver's seat, controlling the top Colombian cash crop. It seems the Medellin boys were funding leftwingers whereas the Cali crew behave more like good little Nazis.

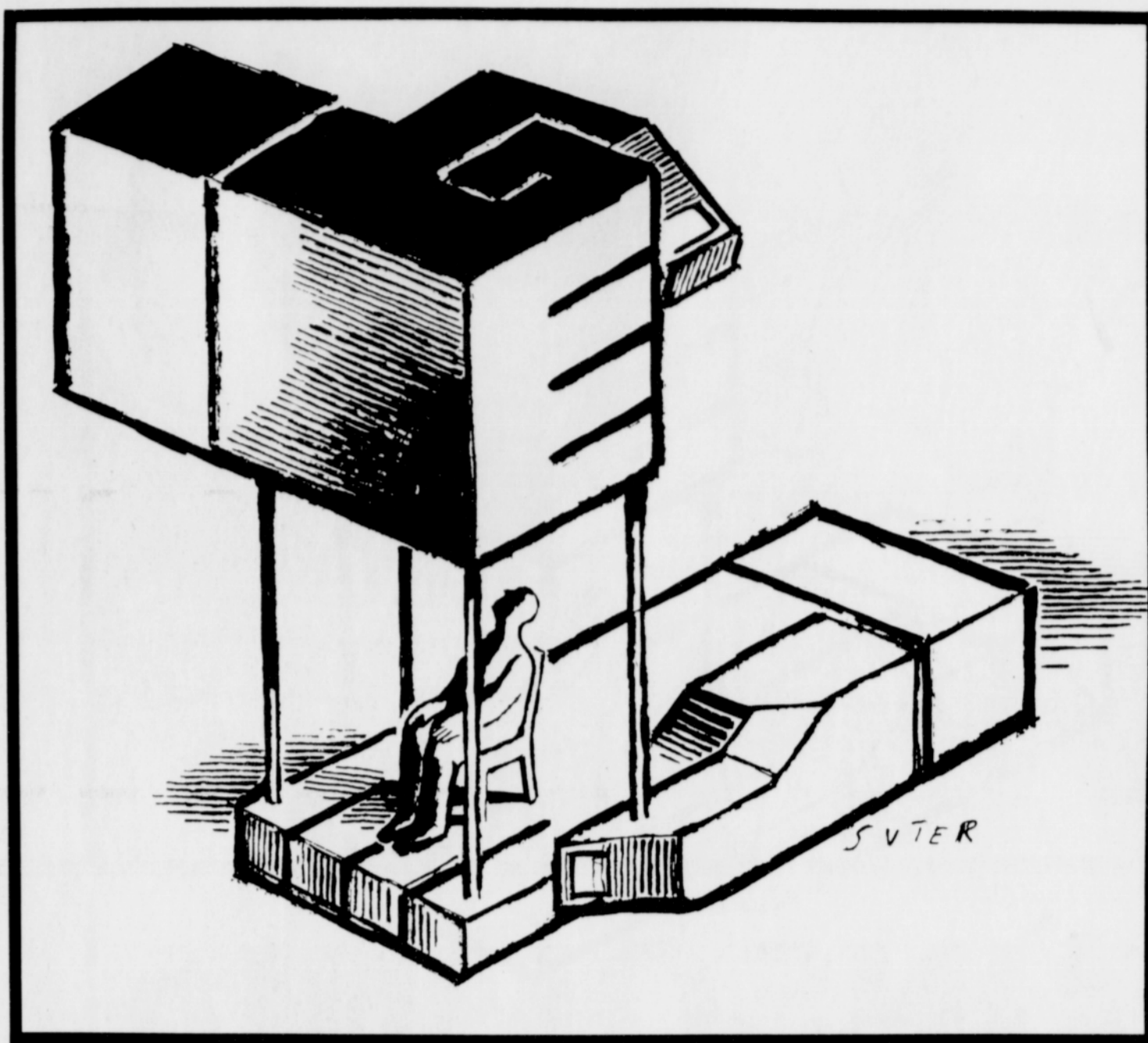
When it's known what's up, it's easy to say that it must have been a very bitter pill for the good priest, Jean-Bertrand Aristide, to have to thank the U.S. for keeping the murderous state gangsters right where our national security state had put them (833 Haitian officers have been trained at the School of the Americas, Foreign Officers Training Program, Fort Benning, Georgia; read as, Dept. of Defense). President Aristide, held in a political hammerlock, the Pentagon's implicit pistol at the base of his skull, was forced to don a mask of feigned gratitude.

If an historical snapshot could be viewed of our social engineers, from any particular time since the 1950s, an inordinately high percentage of the smiling faces would have some connection with Richard M. Nixon. In actuality, he came along well into the ever on-going high crime. He turned out to be an extraordinarily efficient tool in the bigger picture.

It should not be construed, however, that the U.S. security state is the whole pyramid. The pinnacle of power ultimately resides with the international wealthy, holding their stock in the forms of drugs (legal and otherwise), currencies, securities, natural resources, arms, industries, you name it.

The OSS (Office of Strategic Services, the CIA's forerunner) putting the Mob into the unions on the 1940s East Coast waterfronts, and the World War II deal given to Lucky Luciano, would have to be seen as pivotal events in the unfolding of this untold history. Untold on TV is the point. What pours out of the tube and most other media is glossy mind control and rampant disinformation. A false history used as a political tool. Fact filled, it is so devoid of the spirit of truth as to qualify as perhaps the greatest achievement of deceit. It is coopting even many of good character.

This is a tragic tango where life, or the quality thereof, means nothing to people who adhere to a viewpoint that "people are basically bad." They believe that if they, themselves, don't do these things the next guy will. And what the hell, there are



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big profits to be made by being the first to prove by their own actions that their beliefs are in fact true. To me, this is precisely where we make the choice which determines whether or not we will, collectively, have a decent quality of life.

Difficulties can arise in correcting our choice of outlook toward "people are basically good." So long as we are able to remain in the growth cycle of our thievery and oppressing, it will be hard to kick our addiction. To keep getting our fix, we must strive to remain in the roll of oppressor rather than becoming part of the oppressed (always a danger in this game). Then the "basically bad" viewpoint can keep rewarding a few of us with plenty at the expense of the many. The reality in this system, and what keeps it working, is everyone is cast in a double roll of both oppressor and oppressed. Whether at the level of Nation-State or nuclear family, we may tolerate being oppressed if we can oppress someone else. Riches and rewards move up the gradient and we all know what it is that rolls down hill.

At all levels of our "top down" society, to keep the herd under control we must brand some other group as someone to look down on. This group should be someone weak enough or easy going enough to bully. Great care should be taken in selecting the "basically worse than us" victims as some of them can bite back, as in the case of Vietnam. As we know, this can cause the usually controllable commoners to reflect on the ruling conspiracy's actions. Thought among the population should never go uncontrolled.

In the present industrial age, Christian European whites generally got the jump on those less mighty and those of the other, "people are basically good" point of view. Some very large non-Christian cultures would love to compete for the world-wide right to control social engineering. Eventually they may even beat the old Euro-Christian champs at their game, providing these contenders don't tear up the field of play to the point where the game can no longer go on.

Luckily, because we can never wholly cop to these crimes (for justice would demand reparation), the genius of doublethink comes to our rescue. So, we may bemoan the tragic mistakes of the past, i.e., the poor unfortunate Indians, Hawaiians, whomever we perceive as no longer a serious threat, but we will continue to find enemies abroad to compare to Hitler and so, righteously squash them. Likewise, among the layers of our domestic social strata, unwashed or "darker" elements keep the more immediate game alive, as seen between Preparation H commercials on the evening news, or on *Hard Copy* and *Cops*.

It will only be through the understanding that "people are basically good" that the quality of life will improve in the long term. We must look for what's good in each other and honor that.

This continent was infected and its human population all but ruined by the criminally insane invaders who thought themselves closer to God than those Columbus first described as "en Dios," and of *them* he wrote, "they are so naive and so free with their possessions that no one who has not witnessed them would believe it. When you ask them for something they have, they never say no. To the contrary, they offer to share with anyone..." When these people experienced Spaniards chopping off their hands in an effort to coerce more gold out of them, I'll bet they didn't say, "oh well, it's just human nature."

The understanding that people are primarily good does not mean that less desirable traits and evil actions are to be overlooked (as the word is used here, "The only evil is harming another, or yourself, or another's soul, or your own soul" — Pir Valayat Inayat Khan). These less desirable traits are symptoms of the disease of errant understanding or thinking.

Social problems existed in so-called primitive cultures but were usually seen as problems of spirit, most likely correct-

able by the intervention of a "medicine" or "holy" man or woman. These were people who could consciously travel in various levels of reality, sometimes called the "spirit world." This is an ability generally lost to the Christian world. Indeed, often branded as demonic possession and the like, it has been ruthlessly suppressed by the various churches' hierarchies.

Early pharmacopoeias were developed by the conscious communion between shamanic spirit travelers and plant, animal or mineral. Can I document this? No, but I have some little experience of my own in these realms. Should I deny my own experience? Though I have not learned much and have much to learn, spirits of plants and planet have introduced me to these realities. Respect them or not, as you will.

The insensitivity I saw presented by the cartoon in question was probably based either on ignorance or just such a spiritually impoverished errant thinking as mentioned above. It only shows me a spiritual or understanding problem of the cartoonist. It's not for society to condemn this person, but rather the thinking, or worse, the spreading of a hateful or hurtful image or message. Precisely contrary to the cartoon's message, we in fact *should* find out why he doesn't know, or why, if this be the case, he can find no empathy for a criminally insane person who "acts out" in a criminally insane society.

Churches that are simply variations of the "basically bad" viewpoint type of control institution, whose very canons decry the basically evil nature of the flesh, are wholly unqualified to deal with any individual's holistic spiritual health. Lord deliver us from these hypocrites.

It has been said that America is a Christian nation. Maybe by the weight of numbers it is. But historically it would have to be seen as a Christian nation occupying a Shamanic People's continent. The denial of the spiritual validity of the indigenous people's ways, the forcing upon them of a conceptual belief in a Christian God by threat of death under conditions of starvation and by the kidnapping, attempted deprogramming and missionary indoctrination of their children, does in no way diminish the collective power of the past or present spiritual reality.

It is not a spirit of vengeance. It is a spirit of life, dedicated to the whole, not some idea of a separate people better than the rest, based solely on belief in an interpretation of an oft edited and translated, so-called *holy* book. All the Papal Bulls and king's decrees cannot effect what was reality before these pitiful little ideas were ever thought of.

Those who claim righteousness because theirs is the vengeful true god may experience just such a fate when they at long last understand "judge not, lest ye be judged." Those who have remained during this life as strangers to the spirit world may feel for some time after death as if life ends.

Those humble enough in mind to accept and experience the Great Mystery will *know by their experience* and can happily abandon their unreal arbitrary mental concepts of life. Knowing in themselves the truth of the basic goodness underlying all of creation they may freely move about the myriad levels of life force, coming into and out of the levels of life at their delight.

The basic goodness of us all is our true identity. Knowing this, we recognize and respect others. Experiencing and owning our own failures and shortcomings (those times when we forget our identity) we find the ability to forgive others theirs. There is no original sin, only original innocence. This is our one and only little goof-up. Let's fix it.

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